

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all previous version or listing of the claims:

1. (original) A percutaneous apparatus, comprising:

an elongated percutaneous electrode having a first segment with a sharp first end, and a second segment with a second end, at least part of the second segment being configured to resiliently return toward a neutral position, the at least part of the second segment being spaced apart from at least part of the first segment by a separation distance when in the neutral position; and

a coupling member having an aperture, the aperture having an electrically conductive portion, the aperture being sized to removably receive the at least part of first segment and the at least part of the second segment in contact with the electrically conductive portion.

2. (original) The percutaneous apparatus of claim 1, wherein the aperture has a diameter smaller than the separation distance.

3. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first segment and the second segment are formed from a single conductive member, the single conductive member having a bend of approximately 180 degrees or more between the first end and the second end.

4. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the percutaneous electrode includes a resilient, conductive material with at least one of the first and second segments being movable relative to the other, and wherein the conductive material has a first configuration when the at least part of the first segment is spaced apart from the at least part

of the second segment by a first distance, the conductive material further having a second configuration with the at least part of the first segment spaced apart from the at least part of the second segment by a second distance less than the first distance, the conductive material being elastically changeable from the first configuration to the second configuration.

5. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a housing with the percutaneous probe movably received in the housing; and
an attachment device coupled to the housing and releasably coupleable to a recipient's skin.

6. (original) A percutaneous apparatus, comprising:
a percutaneous electrode having a first segment with a sharp first end and a second segment with a second end, at least part of the first segment being aligned along an axis, at least part of the second segment being offset from the axis; and
a coupling member having an aperture, the aperture having an aperture wall with at least a portion of the aperture wall being electrically conductive, the aperture being sized to removably receive the at least part of the first segment and the at least part of the second segment, with the at least part of the first segment and the at least part of the second segment in contact with the electrically conductive portion of the aperture wall.

7. (original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the percutaneous electrode includes a resilient, conductive material with at least one of the first and second segments being movable relative to the other, and wherein the conductive material has a first configuration when the at least part of the first segment is spaced apart from the at least part

of the second segment by a first distance, the conductive material further having a second configuration with the at least part of the first segment spaced apart from the at least part of the second segment by a second distance less than the first distance, the conductive material being elastically changeable from the first configuration to the second configuration.

8. (canceled).

9. (canceled).

10. (original) A percutaneous apparatus, comprising:

a percutaneous electrode having a first segment with a first end, the percutaneous electrode further having a second segment with a second end spaced apart from the first end, the first segment being aligned along a first axis, the second segment being aligned along a second axis offset from the first axis, the percutaneous electrode having an at least approximately 180 degree bend between the first and second ends; and

a coupling member having an aperture, the aperture having an aperture wall with at least a portion of the aperture wall being electrically conductive, the aperture being sized to removably receive the first and second segments of the percutaneous electrode and the at least approximately 180 degree bend with the first and second segments in contact with the electrically conductive portion of the aperture wall.

11-53. (canceled).